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#### POLITICS . . .

Politics is getting ready to begin getting interesting. Already a number in this county have qualified and are getting their political army organized. It will be an interesting political year. I have always been pretty well optimistic in politics always feeling that things will be to our nation, state, county and town's benefit and welfare, but I'm not so optimistic now. Our country is in such a mess and getting worse all the time—our people are unhappy, uncertain, and there is not much encouragement to try to accomplish anything when they have the feeling that anything accomplished will only be taken and given to those who only want what the other fellow has and the federal government is apt to take it and give it to them.

#### CAMELIAS . . .

A number of camellia shows are being announced over the country. A big show is being sponsored in Birmingham this weekend. A show is being announced in Florida for Saturday and Sunday afternoons. The weather has been hard on camellias but I have seen some very pretty blossoms.

#### THE PLAY . . .

I didn't care for the particular play, "Arsenic and Old Lace" presented at the Elba High School Friday and Saturday nights but I can certainly commend those who took part in the play. They did a magnificent job. I'm always concerned when attending a home-talent play and because I would forget my lines I have an idea everyone else will also. And for that reason I do not attend many home plays. But after the play began I settled down relaxed feeling that they would not need my prayers. They exceeded my presentation like professionals.

I should not mention any particular actor in the play when they all gave such a good performance. But a person especially good in his performance was Bobby Dewberry as Dr. Einstein. The stage setting was especially good and the furniture, from the home of Mr. and Mrs. Fleetwood Gamble was most interesting. It was a delightful evening's entertainment even though I don't care for "Arsenic and Old Lace."

**TUSKEGEE . . .**  
I have never understood how Tuskegee High School has been allowed to operate five months with 12 pupils and 13 teachers when it hasn't been many years when the school, my son attended lost a teacher because she, the teacher, didn't have a required number of students. And if I remember correctly she had more than the 12 students at Tuskegee High and in a school of several hundred students. And because of it another teacher had to accept two grades in her room. Yet Tuskegee High has been allowed to remain open with ONLY 12 students for the 13 teachers. I don't care what color the students are, 12 students and 13 teachers is ridiculous and not even reasonable for the "federal government" that has pulled some mighty unreasonable and unjust actions calling it "the law."

There will come a time when the 12 Negro students who have been attending Tuskegee High will in all probability despite their own parents and might have a bitter feeling toward all

## Grand Jury Examine, Recommend Chairs For Courtroom

The Grand Jury in the Circuit Court of Coffee County Alabama met Monday and examined 17 presentments. They returned 14 indictments, consisting of 8 felonies and 6 misdemeanors.

The Grand Jury recommended to the Probate Judge and the County Commissioners that suitable chairs that are durable and comfortable be provided for use in the Courtroom. This recommendation is based upon the fact that chairs furnished for use in the deliberations were uncomfortable and outmoded.

In the Grand Jury's examination of the books of the various county officials revealed that they are neatly and orderly kept and that the bonds of the public officials are in order.

The jury commended the various law enforcement officers on the diligent manner in which they have investigated and presented the cases for their consideration.

Their inspection of the County Courthouse revealed that the restrooms provided need to be cleaned regularly to reduce odors; and that the colored restrooms require lettering denoting whether it be a man's or woman's restroom. Also, the top step of the north steps, leading from the courtroom down to the main floor is dangerous and needs repairs. The jury reported that otherwise the courthouse seemed to be maintained in a satisfactory condition.

In their examination of the County Jail it was revealed that it was maintained in a clean condition, well heated and kept and the prisoners lodged were well fed and cared for.

## Demo Committee Set Rules

The Coffee County Democratic Executive Committee met at the Elba County house Saturday, February 1st, Chairman Jackson W. "Bill" Stokes presiding and John W. Sharpless, secretary, assisting. Qualifying fees were set as follows:

Probate Judge, \$225, Superintendent of Education, \$200, County Commissioners seats, \$100, Circuit Clerk, \$85, and County Heart Month, February 1. The committee voted to pay the members of the committee \$10 per diem for working days. The balance of the funds coming into the committee is to be used in promoting the Democratic Party and its local county candidates.

Candidates have until March 1st to qualify. They may do this with Chairman Stokes in Elba or Committee Chairman Joe Pittman in Enterprise.

Those qualifying thru Tuesday afternoon follows:

Judge of Probate: J. Oscar English.

Circuit Clerk: Gladys Clark.

Superintendent of Education: E. Peacock.

County Commissioner District No. 1: Eugene Brown and J.A. Dyess.

County Commissioner District No. 2: Claude Findol.

County Commissioner District No. 3: Flournoy Whitman.

County Commissioner District No. 4: Buster Bowden.

# The Elba Clipper

## Elba Kate Allen Swimming Pool Plans Approved

Presented In  
Piano Recital

Elba Kate Allen, a Troy State College senior from Elba, was presented by the college music department in a senior piano recital in the Smith Auditorium on Friday morning, January 31, at 9:30.

Miss Allen's program consisted of three parts. The first part includes Minuet, from Suite No. 1, Purcell; The Fall of the Leaf, Pearson; A Toy, Parnaby; Sonata in G Major, No. 387, Scarlatti. The second selections are from the 16th and 17th centuries.

Part number two included Moment Musicale op. 94, No. 2, Schubert and Nocturne, No. 6 in G minor, op. 15, No. 3, Chopin.

Part number three includes Song (No. 5 from Sea Pieces, op. 55) MacDowell and Toccata, Khachaturian.

Miss Allen is a music major at Troy and also has a major in English. She will graduate in May.

She is the winner of the Mary Murphree Selman Scholarship for 1963-64 presented by the Troy music club. She also is president of Delta Zeta Chapter of Sigma Alpha Epsilon music sorority at Troy.

The young pianist plans to teach music upon graduation.

Ushers for the recital were the officers of Phi Mu Alpha, men's music fraternity at Troy. They are Joe Tate, Camden; Robert E. Brandy, Mobile; Jeffery Dykes, Troy; John McKay, Wetumpka; Fred Myers, Troy.

## Inman Initiated Into Radio, TV Fraternity

Bobby Inman, son of Mr. and Mrs. L.F. Inman, who is a student at the University of Alabama has recently been initiated into the Alpha Epsilon Rho, National Honorary Radio and Television Fraternity. This fraternity accepts only students in the junior year and who are majoring in radio and television.

Qualifications are based on gross revenue received from within the corporate limits and/or police jurisdiction of municipalities in which Covington Electric has facilities, was paid to the following:

Andalusia, Opp, Red Level and River Falls in Covington County; Elba, Enterprise and Kinston in Coffee County; Brantley and Dozier in Crenshaw County; and Samson in Geneva County.

Covington Electric Co-operative provides electric service to some 9,000 consumers in Covington, Coffee, Crenshaw and Geneva Counties.

## Funeral Service For Mrs. Deal Held Sunday

Mrs. Martha Matelda Deal, 73, died Friday, January 31. Funeral services were held Sunday afternoon at 3 o'clock from the Zion Chapel Baptist Church. Burial was in the church cemetery. Officiating were Doctor Charles Graham and Reverend Russ Fuller.

Survivors include four sons, James P. and Wiley Deal, both of Elba; Joe Deal, Montgomery; and Louis Hayes Deal, Wichita Falls, Texas; two daughters, Mrs. Gody Spurlin, Elba, and Mrs. Nelson Farrell, Lufkin, Texas; five sisters, Mrs. Charles Pelham, Misses Eris and Lucy Free and Mrs. Huey Wilkerson, all of Opp, Mrs. Walter Grissett, Pensacola, Florida, and sixteen grandchildren.

## Elba Country Clubhouse Ready For Occupancy Next Month

Sonny Inman, Club President, has announced that the clubhouse will be completed for occupancy by the first part of March. Furniture and Kitchen equipment has been ordered. The heating and air conditioning unit is presently being installed and selection of drapes and curtains have been made and are being prepared.

At a recent meeting of

the membership, the Constitution and By-Laws were read and adopted by unanimous vote. Each member will receive a copy within the next week. The Board of Directors met and approved the plans for the swimming pool which will be constructed near the clubhouse patio with cement steps leading from the patio to the pool. The double bath house will be 80 feet long, 35 feet wide

is proud to register thirty boys this year for Scouts and it is expecting an increase before the year ends.

One of the Troop's boys reached the rank of "Eagle" recently, one for the rank of "Life", and one for the rank of "Star". The Troop also had eight for the rank of "First Class" and seven for "Second Class".

Plans for the coming year is for the Troop to have two or three "Eagles" by this time next year. They are planning to try to camp out at least one night in each month and are planning a week of summer camp as well as to have a "Chuck Wagon" camp which will last two or three days. In these plans the Troop hopes to have a 50-mile hike that anyone may take with them. The largest plan at this time is to make better citizens of the boys who are members by living up to the Scout Oath which is as follows:

"On my honor I will do my best to do my duty to God and my Country and to obey the Scout law; to help other people at all times; to keep myself physically strong, mentally awake, and morally straight."

This talk from the publication of the events of Thursday, January 9, plus some supplementary information, prepared and written by an experienced professional newspaperman, and printed in The Spillway as a service to its readers. It is not an official report of either the Panama Canal enterprise or of the U.S. Government.

Doctor V.D. McCreary was leader of the program.

## Smith Buried Tuesday At Pleasant Ridge

William Joe Smith, 85, died Monday, February 2nd. Funeral services were held at the Pleasant Ridge Primitive Baptist Church Tuesday afternoon at 2 o'clock with the Reverend B. F. Lowery officiating. Burial was in the church cemetery.

Survivors include four daughters, Mrs. Tura Borders, Mrs. Jemie Hussey and Mrs. Lovie Brooks, all of Elba, and Mrs. Rushie Blanton, Victoria; three brothers, Isaac and Wesley Smith, both of Elba, and John H. Smith, Port St. Joe, Florida; three sisters, Mrs. Mary Fuller and Mrs. Lula Fuller, both of Elba, and Mrs. Emma Kelley, Jack.

Miss Margaret English, who teaches English in Milton, Florida, spent the weekend in Elba with her folks and attended the funeral services of her grandmother, Mrs. W.I. English Friday afternoon. On Saturday, Bill Jones of New Orleans was her guest here in Elba.

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be constructed of concrete blocks similar to the clubhouse. The pool and bath house is being constructed at a cost of approximately \$19,000.00 and will be one of the finest in the state. It will also have underwater lights for night use. Water will be pumped through a filter system which will meet the State Department of Health's requirements. Water will be completely filtered every 8 hours and an automatic suction will constantly keep floating trash off the top of the water. The fish pond is in its final stages of completion and the Chairman has submitted a request to the State Conservation Department for fish to be delivered about 1 March.

A sign has been selected for a new entrance road and will be constructed in the very near future.

The following Standing Committees have been announced:

Swimming Pool Committee: Oscar Vaughan Jr.,

Legion Post Exceeds Membership

The Elba American Legion Post No. 42 exceeded their membership last year by one member at the "Membership Pickup" last Friday. The membership last year was 196 and turned in Friday was a membership of 197.

Alton Wright, Department Commander, Lawson Lynn, Department Adjutant, Blue Barber, 9th District Commander and Knox Green, 9th District Adjutant visited the Elba Post Friday afternoon. They visited each Post in the 9th District Thursday and Friday of last week.

All eligible members of the Elba Post who haven't paid their dues are being asked to contact Max Reeves, Irvin Johnson or some member of the Legion.

## Aunt Maggie English Dies At Age 87

Mrs. W. I. English, lovingly known to all who knew her as "Aunt Maggie" (Margaret Elizabeth Farber), 87, died last Thursday, January 30th. Funeral services were held Friday afternoon at 2:30 o'clock from the Liberty Church of Christ of Elba with Ministers Ned Young, George Herring, Paul Simon and Fitzhugh Ellington officiating. Burial was in the Bethlehem cemetery in the Damascus community.

"Aunt Maggie" was one of the older members of a very large family and is survived by numerous relatives who loved her dearly.

Mrs. English lived her entire life of 87 years within two miles of where she was born.

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